

PRESS RELEASE. European registrations of motorcycles and mopeds continued increasing in 2016: +9.1% on a year-on-year basis

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According to the latest data published today by the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) registrations of motorcycles and mopeds in the EU have increased by 9.1% in 2016 compared to the the previous year. Total registrations in 2016 reached 1,307,200 units, with substantial increases in all of the largest European markets.

France remains the largest European market for light vehicles (253,067 units, +4.2% in 2016), followed by Italy (219,865 units, +11.8%), Germany (174,264 units, +15.1%), Spain (172,176 units, +15.9%) and the UK (128,637 units, +11.7%).

Strong growth in the motorcycle segment across Europe

In 2016 European registrations of motorcycles (i.e. vehicles with two- or three wheels and an engine capacity of more than 50cc) grew by 13.3% compared to 2015. The largest market for motorcycles in Europe was Italy, with 195,290 units registered (+13.5% on a year-on-year basis).

Other largest European motorcycle markets also showed positive trends: 174,624 vehicles were registered in Germany (+15.1%); 163,335 in France (+6.6%), 155,003 in Spain (+17%) and 119,889 in the UK (+13.4%).

Moped registrations continue to decline in most European markets

Registrations of mopeds (i.e. vehicles with two or three wheels and an engine capacity of 50cc or less) increased in some of the major European markets such as Spain (17,173 units, +7.6%) and the Netherlands (67,825 units, +2.9%), and remained stable in France (89,732 units, +0.1%) and Italy (24,575 units, -0.2%). A total of 327,826 mopeds were registered in Europe in 2016, representing a decrease of 3.5% on a year-on-year basis.

Registrations by cylinder capacity

Most motorcycles, mopeds and quadricycles registered in Europe in 2016 have a cylinder capacity of less than 125 cc (672,551 units, 49%). Vehicles with a cylinder capacity between 126cc and 500cc accounted for 19% of the total (268,103 units), quite close to the number of registered vehicles with engines between 500cc and 1000cc (20.6%, 283,868 units). Lastly, vehicles with engines of 1000cc or more totalled 150,444 units (10.9% of the total).

Registrations of electric vehicles

Registrations of electric mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles in the EU reached 22,402 units. Of these, 11,314 units were mopeds (50.5% of the total); 7,148 were quadricycles (31.9% of the total); and 3,513 electric motorcycles (15.7% of the total).

The largest markets for electrically-propelled mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles were: France (7,396 units), the Netherlands (5,203 units), Italy (2,385 units), Spain (1,604 units) and Germany (1,501 units).

Of all mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles registered in the EU, 1.6% were electric vehicles. Internal combustion vehicles and vehicles equipped with hybrid propulsion represented 98.4% of the total registrations.

QUOTE

The Secretary General of the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM), Antonio Perlot (Italian) said:

- “2016 has been a very positive year for the industry, with registrations increasing in most European countries, particularly in the largest European markets: France (253,067 units), Italy (219,865 units), Germany (174,264 units), Spain (172,176 units) and the UK (128,637 units)”.
- “Strong demand for light vehicles across Europe is a testament to their inherent advantages. Mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles have reduced purchasing and running costs, are easier to park than cars, and reduce travelling times and congestion in cities”.
- “Notwithstanding this, our sector still faces a delicate situation. Although more than 1.3 million vehicles were registered in Europe in 2016, that figure is about half the 2.43 million units registered in 2007 before the economic crisis hit”.
- “According to our latest estimates, about 156,000 jobs are generated directly or indirectly by our sector in the EU. Activities such as manufacturing of vehicles, parts and components, as well as in repair and maintenance of vehicles, or manufacturing of protective equipment to name just a few examples, create jobs all over Europe, particularly in countries such as Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Spain and the UK”.
- “Exports of motorcycles, parts and accessories to foreign countries are essential to sustaining jobs in the motorcycle sector in Europe. In addition to a stronger domestic European market, we need a European trade policy that not only secures strategic free trade agreements with key partners but also one that prevents protectionist policies abroad”.

ANNEX. Registrations of motorcycles and mopeds in the EU

<http://www.acem.eu/images/publiq/2017/Market-2016-12.xlsx>

ANNEX. Registrations of mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles by cylinder capacity in the EU

Country	2cc - 125 cc	126cc - 500cc	500cc - 1000c	+1000cc	TOTAL
France	137086	41643	60635	30676	132954
Italy	74995	87297	43655	19661	150613
Germany	71937	32167	60774	44506	137447
Spain	107217	31578	27466	8195	67239
UK	59443	13943	34222	20623	68788
Netherlands	63256	2396	6102	3723	12221
Poland	42235	2309	3077	1916	7302
Greece	23325	21727	2313	666	24706
Austria	22905	8384	6759	4220	19363
Belgium	17161	5132	7838	5323	18293
Portugal	14805	2313	3905	1345	7563
Sweden	1039	6238	7297	3269	16804
Finland	6209	3038	7475	949	11462
Czech Republic	9148	3378	3618	1477	8473
Denmark	8191	392	1216	593	2201
Slovakia	3100	1423	2015	775	4213
Slovenia	2832	948	1095	356	2399
Croatia	1911	1148	494	193	1835
Luxembourg	1329	349	618	487	1454
Romania	802	796	764	265	1825
Hungary	485	545	889	403	1837
Latvia	1185	187	348	143	678
Estonia	659	372	554	176	1102
Ireland	548	182	507	388	1077
Lithuania	748	218	232	116	566
TOTAL	672551	268103	283868	150444	

ANNEX. Registrations of electric vehicles in the EU

Rank	Paese	Mopeds	Motorcycles	Quadricycles	Others	TOTAL
1°	France	2842	823	3654	77	7396
2°	Netherlands	5045	142	2	14	5203
3°	Italy	606	188	1582	9	2385
4°	Spain	603	495	212	294	1604
5°	Germany	0*	586	892	23	1501
6°	Belgium	922	102	331	3	1358
7°	Austria	504	691	0	0	1195
8°	Sweden	0*	121	288	0	409
9°	UK	165	228	0*	0	393
10°	Poland	181	8	0	2	191
11°	Czech Republic	68	77	11	0	156
12°	Finland	101	11	9	1	122
13°	Croatia	45	0	68	0	113
14°	Greece	77	5	16	0	98
15°	Denmark	40	3	0	0	43
16°	Slovenia	9	3	28	0	40
17°	Romania	34	4	1	0	39
18°	Hungary	0	4	34	0	38
19°	Luxembourg	18	7	8	0	33
20°	Slovakia	18	4	4	0	26
21°	Estonia	12	9	0	0	21
22°	Lithuania	13	0	4	4	21
23°	Portugal	6	1	0	0	7
24°	Ireland	1	1	3	0	5
25	Latvia	4	0	1	0	5
TOTAL		11314	3513	7148	427	

* Not official statistics available

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